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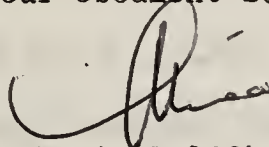
To the Mayor, Aldermen and Councillors of the
Sudbury Borough Council

I have the honour to present the Annual Report of the
Public Health Services for the year, 1969.

I am grateful to the Mayor, Councillor R.G.Playford and
Members of the Council, Councillor P.R.McQuhae, the Chairman
and to the Drainage and Health Committee for their courtesy
to me during this year.

I wish to thank also Mr.G.C.Mountstephen, the Town
Clerk, Mr. A.J.Gould, the Public Health Inspector, and all
other officers of the Council for their help to me.

Your obedient servant,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to be 'A. J. Gould', written in a cursive style.

Medical Officer of Health.

MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC HEALTH COMMITTEE

Councillor R.G.Playford, J.P., (Mayor)
Councillor P.R.McQuhae (Chairman)
Alderman H.Talbot
Alderman S.W.Wood
Councillor H.B.Eady
Councillor W.C.Frankham
Councillor Mrs.R.C.M.Playford
Councillor D.M.Raybould
Councillor J.W.White

STAFF

Dr.E.Kinnear, M.B., Ch.B., D.P.H., Medical Officer of Health.

(This officer does not engage in private practice but holds in addition the following appointments:-

Medical Officer of Health - Hadleigh U.D.C., Melford R.D.C.,
Cosford R.D.C., Thedwastre R.D.C. Assistant County Medical
Officer, School Medical Officer West Suffolk County Council)

Mr. A.J.Gould, A.M.I.P.H.E., M.A.P.H.I., Public Health Inspector

Mrs.J.Ranson, Clerical Assistant and Shorthand Typist.

GENERAL STATISTICS

(Figures in brackets throughout the report relate to the year 1968)

<u>Population</u>	<u>1969</u>	<u>1968</u>
Registrar-General's Estimate	8,000	(7,560)
Rateable Value as at 1st April	£299,847	(£289,958)
Sum Represented by a Penny Rate	£ 1,214	(£ 1,168)
Area, in Acres	1,925	(1,925)

VITAL STATISTICS

<u>Live Births</u>	<u>Total</u>	<u>Male</u>	<u>Female</u>
Legitimate	139 (125)	75 (63)	64 (62)
Illegitimate	6 (5)	3 (1)	3 (4)
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Total	145 (130)	78 (64)	67 (66)
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Adjusted Live Birth Rate per 1,000 estimate population 19.9 (18.9)
(Area Comparability Factor 1.10)

England and Wales Birth Rate per 1,000 estimate population 16.3 (16.9)

<u>Still Births</u>	<u>Total</u>	<u>Male</u>	<u>Female</u>
Legitimate	1 (3)	- (1)	1 (2)
Illegitimate	- (2)	- (-)	- (2)
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Total	1 (5)	- (1)	1 (4)
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Deaths registered in 1969

<u>Total</u>	<u>Male</u>	<u>Female</u>
143 (151)	65 (66)	78 (85)

Death Rate (adjusted) per 1,000 population 11.3 (12.9)
(Area Comparability Factor 0.63)
England and Wales, Death Rate per 1,000 estimated population
11.9 (11.9)

Number of Women dying in or in consequence of Childbirth. Nil (Nil)

Infant Mortality

	<u>Total</u>	<u>Male</u>	<u>Female</u>
Deaths of Infants under one year.			
Legitimate	4 (4)	2 (3)	2 (1)
Illegitimate	- (-)	- (-)	- (-)
	<u>4 (4)</u>	<u>2 (3)</u>	<u>2 (1)</u>

Infant Mortality rate per 1,000 live births 28.0 (30.7)

Infant Mortality rate per 1,000 live births,
England and Wales. 18.0 (18.0)

Neo-Natal Mortality

	<u>Total</u>	<u>Male</u>	<u>Female</u>
Deaths of infants under 4 weeks.			
Legitimate	2 (4)	2 (3)	- (1)
Illegitimate	- (-)	- (-)	- (-)
	<u>2 (4)</u>	<u>2 (3)</u>	<u>- (1)</u>

Early Neo-Natal Mortality

	<u>Total</u>	<u>Male</u>	<u>Female</u>
Deaths of infants under 1 week			
Legitimate	2 (4)	2 (3)	- (1)
Illegitimate	<u>- (-)</u>	<u>- (-)</u>	<u>- (-)</u>
Total	<u>2 (4)</u>	<u>2 (3)</u>	<u>- (1)</u>

The above statistics relate to the deaths of four infants and one stillborn infant, as follows:-

<u>Sex</u>	<u>Age</u>	<u>Cause of death</u>
M	10 minutes	Prematurity
M	1 hour	Prematurity
F	1 month	Bronchiolitis hypoplasia of larynx.
F	10 months	Myocardial fibrosis
F	41 weeks	Placental insufficiency

CAUSES OF DEATH DURING 1969

(Registrar-General's Figures)

<u>ALL CAUSES</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>	<u>MALE</u>	<u>FEMALE</u>
	143	65	78
Malignant neoplasm - stomach	2	1	1
Malignant neoplasm - intestine	1	1	-
Malignant neoplasm - lung, bronchus	3	3	-
Malignant neoplasm - breast	1	-	1
Malignant neoplasm - uterus	1	-	1
Other malignant neoplasms	6	2	4
Diabetes mellitus	2	1	1
Anaemias	1	-	1
Other diseases of nervous system, etc	5	2	3
Chronic rheumatic heart disease	3	1	2
Hypertensive disease	2	-	2
Ischaemic heart disease	38	18	20
Other forms of heart disease	8	3	5
Cerebrovascular disease	33	12	21
Other diseases of circulatory system	8	4	4
Influenza	5	1	4
Pneumonia	9	5	4
Bronchitis and Emphysema	4	4	-
Other diseases of respiratory system	2	2	-
Peptic ulcer	2	1	1
Other diseases of digestive system	1	-	1
Hyperplasia of prostate	1	1	-
Congenital anomalies	1	-	1
Other causes of perinatal mortality	2	2	-
Symptoms and ill-defined conditions	2	1	1

PREVENTION OF, AND CONTROL OVER, INFECTIOUS DISEASES

Cases Notified

<u>Diseases</u>	<u>Total</u>	<u>Male</u>	<u>Female</u>
Notifications received	250 (70)	141 (37)	109 (33)
Scarlet Fever	11 (17)	6 (10)	5 (7)
Measles	232 (3)	131 (2)	101 (1)
Food poisoning	1 (1)	1 (1)	- (-)
Infective jaundice	5	3	2
Dysentery	1	-	1

Tuberculosis

No new cases were notified during 1969.

Infant Welfare Centres

The West Suffolk County Council provide one centre in the town.

A Clinic is held weekly at the Health Clinic, Acton Lane, on Tuesday at 2 p.m. Welfare Foods are also distributed from this centre.

Two Health Visitors attend. A Medical Officer also attends on two sessions in the month.

Laboratory Facilities

The Public Health Laboratory, Woodbridge Road East, Ipswich, under the directorship of Dr. P.K.Fraser, is always generous with advice and services.

Lincolne, Sutton and Wood Limited, Norwich, provide analytical reports on water and foods.

HOSPITALS

St. Leonards

General practitioner staffed hospital, with visiting consultants and Out-Patients clinics, maternity, general medical, minor surgical, some geriatric patients.

Walnuttree

The majority of these beds are geriatric. There is a physiotherapy department with some specialised equipment. Psychiatric and ophthalmic Out-Patients clinics are held. One of the County Welfare Officers for the area is also in attendance when psychiatric clinics are held.

Walnuttree Hospital has a pathology department which is of considerable help to general practitioners and both hospitals.

Family Planning Clinics are held in the Out-Patients' Department of Walnuttree Hospital.

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE PUBLIC HEALTH INSPECTOR

A. J. GOULD, A.M.I.P.H.E., M.A.P.H.I.

To the Mayor, Aldermen and Councillors of the
Sudbury Borough Council

I submit for your consideration my report for the year ended 31st December, 1969.

The work carried out during the year has basically been very similar to that done in previous years. There has been perhaps more emphasis on routine inspection of Shops and Offices, particularly of food premises.

Slum clearance has continued with action against individual unfit houses, rather than against areas of unfit housing. Simultaneously, there has been an increase in the number of houses repaired and improved, with and without grant aid.

I wish to express my appreciation to the Chairman and Members for the interest they have shown in the work of the Public Health Department during the year. I would also like to thank Dr.E.Kinnear and the other Officers of the Council for their continued co-operation and support and Mrs.Ranson who has also helped in every possible way during the preceding year.

A.J.GOULD

Public Health Inspector

H O U S I N G

HOUSING

New Houses - Council

During 1969 no dwellings were completed but preliminary work was put in hand for development at the rear of Cats Lane comprising 41 units in three blocks.

A contract has been awarded for 227 houses, the first phase of the Springlands Estate at Gallows Hill. Roads and sewers for the first and second stages are complete.

New Houses - Private

The progress of private building was comparable with the previous year but little new development was started during 1969.

OLD HOUSES

Progress in dealing with sub-standard housing during the year is listed.

<u>Type of Action</u>	<u>1969</u>	<u>Total since 1955</u>
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CLEARANCE AREAS

Number of Clearance Areas declared	-	17
Total number of properties involved	-	226
Properties excluded from orders	-	6

DEMOLITION ORDERS

Properties demolished under Demolition Orders.	-	9
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TIME AND PLACE MEETINGS

A number of properties were considered at Time and Place Meetings during the year with the following results.

CLOSING ORDERS MADE - 6 Properties

Undertakings accepted to make property fit - 2 Properties

These have been completed.

CLOSING ORDERS DETERMINED - 2 Properties

REHOUSING

The chart below shows the fairly rapid increase of housing work being undertaken by the Borough.

From 1965 to 1969 the average number of families rehoused per year was 43.

	<u>1965</u>	<u>1966</u>	<u>1967</u>	<u>1968</u>	<u>1969</u>
Number of Families rehoused.	19	69	77	25	26
Number of New Applications for Rehousing Received.	60	81	118	90	64
Number of persons rehoused.	48	170	187	67	110

The Council have now built 696 dwellings and own various miscellaneous properties which are used for rehousing. In addition 185 garages have been provided by the Council.

GENERAL

During the year fourteen informal notices were served and all properties were repaired following these informal notices.

Many other minor repairs were attended to after an informal visit or telephone call to the owner.

At the end of 1969 the number of applicants on the Council's Housing List was 230.

Numerous reports were made on the accommodation occupied by applicants.

CERTIFICATES OF DISREPAIR

No certificates were issued during the year.

IMPROVEMENT GRANTS

Progress continued with housing improvements during the year. There was again a very small amount paid under discretionary grants, but standard grant payments continued at a much increased rate. This is, no doubt, because an applicant finds the requirements for a discretionary grant rather difficult or onerous and prefers usually to apply for a standard grant.

The Housing Act, 1969, became law in August. It materially raises the amount of grant that can be given to applicants and should lead to an increased number of applicants for both standard and improvement grants.

STANDARD GRANTS

Year	No. of Applications	No. Completed	Grants Paid		
			£.	s.	d.
1959	4				
1960	7	8	796.	6.	3.
1961	11	4	560.	0.	0.
1962	16	13	1,551.	4.	11.
1963	16	9	1,208.	1.	4.
1964	7	12	1,597.	7.	8.
1965	10	4	498.	3.	7.
1966	9	10	1,458.	6.	10.
1967	16	9	1,357.	19.	4.
1968	39	24	5,107.	19.	4.
1969	19	25	6,223.	1.	1.
			<u>£20,358.</u>	<u>10.</u>	<u>4.</u>

DISCRETIONARY GRANTS

Year	No. of Applications	No. Completed	Grants Paid		
1959	22	8	1,618.	14.	3.
1960	10	12	2,247.	4.	6.
1961	10	9	1,948.	5.	9.
1962	10	12	2,357.	14.	5.
1963	5	7	1,443.	0.	0.
1964	6	3	746.	19.	9.
1965	1	2	648.	10.	0.
1966	2	1	197.	10.	3.
1967	-	2	493.	19.	6.
1968	4	4	1,374.	0.	0.
1969	5	1	200.	0.	0.
			<u>£13,275.</u>	<u>18.</u>	<u>5.</u>

ANNUAL POST WAR DEVELOPMENT RATE

The following are the post war housing development figures for the years 1947 to 1968.

Year	Council Houses	Private Dwellings	Total	Year	Council Houses	Private Dwellings	Total
			Brought Forward		302	130	432
1947	24	6	30	1958	-	22	22
1948	27	12	39	1959	26	11	37
1949	30	2	32	1960	50	14	64
1950	26	8	34	1961	22	27	49
1951	18	5	23	1962	10	58	68
1952	30	6	36	1963	36	41	77
1953	29	14	43	1964	42	109	151
1954	62	18	80	1965	-	88	88
1955	10	20	30	1966	68	51	119
1956	0	28	28	1967	12	90	102
1957	46	11	57	1968	-	38	38
				1969	-	64	64
Total	302	130	432	Total	568	743	1,311

HOUSE INSPECTIONS

The following visits for inspection or re-inspection have been made:-

Improvement Grants	171
Individual Unfit	95
Clearance	20
Rent Act	7
Other	84

ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH

REFUSE COLLECTION AND DISPOSAL

The weekly collection of domestic refuse continued during the year. The use of plastic refuse disposal bags has increased steadily and has assisted in providing greater efficiency of the service.

The refuse disposal tip has not caused any serious nuisances and the daily covering of the waste was executed satisfactorily.

SEWERAGE AND DRAINAGE

The water reclamation works continued to operate satisfactorily and samples taken generally gave satisfactory results, particularly after desludging had taken place.

SWIMMING POOL

The swimming pool was open from May to September.

The total final figures were as follows:-

Total Admissions	77,850
Adult tickets sold	14,500
Childs " "	39,950
Mother and child	620
Family	1,330
Season ticket entrances	8,500
School admissions	10,000
Spectators	6,850
Full season tickets sold	30
Junior " " "	158

Routine residual chlorine and ph tests are made at the pool and samples taken and sent to the Public Health Laboratory at Ipswich. No adverse results were obtained and the water was assumed to be of a satisfactory degree of purity.

WATER SUPPLY

The supply of water during the year was adequate. Frequent samples gave uniformly satisfactory results. The water is supplied by the West Suffolk Water Board and the character of the water is still very hard, with a very high figure for both temporary and permanent hardness.

PUBLIC CONVENIENCES

The Public Conveniences in Burkitts Lane have been in use throughout the year.

A certain amount of vandalism persisted throughout the year and constant effort was needed by the Borough Surveyor's Department to keep clean and usable the facilities provided and to minimise the damage being done.

The Public Conveniences in Gaol Lane were closed but those at the rear of the swimming pool in Belle Vue Gardens are still in use.

DISINFESTATION

Disinfestation by spraying of four premises was carried out during the year.

WASPS NESTS

During the year 207 wasps nests were destroyed by the Rodent Operator.

PRIVATE DWELLINGS

On receipt of complaint of infestation, premises were visited and treatment given free of charge.

BUSINESS PREMISES

Business premises were tested under agreement when found to be infested. Treatment charges as from 1st April, 1968 are 10/- per hour.

AGRICULTURAL PROPERTIES

All agricultural properties were surveyed periodically and treatment carried out where necessary; charges on a time and material basis.

COMMON LODGING HOUSES

There are no Common Lodging Houses within the Borough.

INSPECTIONS

The following visits for inspections or re-inspections under various Acts have been made:-

PUBLIC HEALTH ACTS

Dwelling Houses	211
Offensive Accumulations	4
Dust and Effluvia	3
Ditches and Watercourses	1
Tents, Vans and Sheds	1
Drains and Sewers	132
Closets	-
Dustbins	5
Inns, Restaurants, Cinemas	84
Verminous Premises	4
Infectious Diseases	4
Petroleum Licences	91
Water Supply	2
Swimming Pool	9
Noise	68
Sewage Works	6
Home Safety	-
Refuse Tips	17
Cattle Market	40
Public Conveniences	14
Explosives	26

CLEAN AIR ACTS 1956

Industrial Premises	12
Domestic Premises	-
Miscellaneous	9

PET ANIMALS ACT 1951 2

CARAVAN SITES ACT 1960 2

PREVENTION OF DAMAGE BY PESTS ACT 1949

Rodents - Domestic Premises	20
Rodents - Business Premises	7
Rodents - Farms	-
Insects	46
Miscellaneous	5

F O O D

FOOD CONTROL

Inspection of food premises continued. Many small improvements were carried out after informal notice. These contribute in time to a general small improvement in standards at all shops. Some improvements were major in character and it is hoped to continue emphasis on few unsatisfactory food premises.

UN SOUND FOOD

There was a large increase in the amount of food found to be unfit. This is probably due to the increase in large food shops.

The following foodstuffs were examined at wholesale and retail food shops and certificates given when they were voluntarily surrendered.

3426	Tins
1724	Packets
30	Jars

GENERAL FOOD

106lbs.	Sugar
2boxes	Melons
6	loaves of Bread
200lbs.	Beef
2	Chickens
3	Turkeys.

ICE CREAM

Thirty-seven premises were registered for the sale of ice cream. Ice cream sold at these premises was one of the nationally-known products, all being wrapped.

PRESERVED FOODS

Seventeen premises were registered for the preparation or manufacture of sausages or potted, pressed, pickled or preserved foods.

MILK AND DAIRIES

The licensing of dealers in Sudbury is the responsibility of the West Suffolk County Council.

At present there are five registered distributors and six shop dealers in milk. These hold between them, one licence to deal in untreated milk, eight pasteurised and eleven sterilised licenses.

Sampling of the milk was carried out by the Weights and Measures Department of the County Council on behalf of the Health Department. Copies of sample reports received indicated that these were satisfactory.

RODENT CONTROL

The rat population increased here, as throughout the country. Regular routine surveys are carried out by the Rodent Operator and all complaints are promptly dealt with.

FOOD AND DRUGS

FOOD PREMISES

The total number of premises in the Borough concerned with the manufacture preparation, storage or sale of food, is 113.

These can be classified as follows:-

Cafes and Restaurants	10
Bakehouses	3
Cake Shops	4
Confectioners	16
Greengrocers	4
Grocers and General Stores	26
Butchers	7
Fishmongers	4
Public Houses	20
Hotels	4
Guest Houses	1
Wine Merchants	3
Clubs	3
Supermarkets	5
Wholesalers	4

In addition to the above, markets are held on the Market Hill. A fishmonger, grocer, greengrocers and confectioner attend regularly on Thursdays and Saturdays.

FOOD AND DRUGS ACT, 1955

The following visits for inspection or re-inspection were made:-

Hygiene Regulations/Byelaws - Shops	92
Hygiene Regulations/Byelaws - Stalls and Vehicles.	82
Hygiene Regulations/Byelaws Personal Hygiene	24
Ice Cream Premises	12
Food Inspection - Other	70

SHOP ACT

Inspection of shop premises during the year indicated that in the main the basic requirements of the Shops Act were met.

OFFICES, SHOPS AND RAILWAY PREMISES ACT, 1963

At the end of the year there were registered:-

Offices	57
Retail Shops	129
Wholesale Shops, Warehouses	8
Catering establishments open to the public, canteens	11
Fuel storage depots	4

Many visits were made to these premises to ensure that the provisions of the Act were enforced and after service of informal notices many defects were remedied.

The following visits were made under the above Act - 304

It is felt that many smaller premises are not registering under this Act and in the future it is hoped to conduct a survey of unregistered premises so as to complete registration.

F A C T O R I E S A C T

Details of the inspection under the Factories Acts are recorded below.

The number of factories on the register totalled 68.

1. Inspections for Purpose of Provisions as to Health
(including inspections by the Public Health Inspector)

	No. on Register	Number of		
		Inspections	Notices	Occupiers Prosecuted
1. Factories in which Sections 1, 2, 3, 4, and 6 are to be enforced by the Local Authorities.	3	2	-	-
2. Factories not included in (1) in which Section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority.	60	22	2	-
3. Other premises in which Section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority (excluding out-workers premises)	5	5	-	-
Total	68	29	2	-

2. Cases in which Defects were found - 4

Outwork - Sections 133 and 134

Section 133				Section 134		
Nature of Work	No. of Outworkers in August list required by Section 133 (1) (c)	No. of cases of default in sending lists to the Council	No. of Prosecutions for failure to supply lists	No. of Instances of work in unwhole some premises	Notices Served	Prosecution
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)	(7)
Wearing apparel	17					
Making etc. cleaning and washing.	1					
Curtain and furniture hangings	1					
Total	19					

